

To Restore Our Nation

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I- To Restore Our Nation

The presidents that I most admire demonstrated in their own personal way a moral courage, which I see, is needed in leadership for our strategic future.

Moral Courage for me is not an ideology, nor is it one set thing but does account for compassion. In terms of our personal strength it unites our hearts and minds. This is the courage that Washington had in crossing the Delaware and how he spoke of standards that we must have; how Kennedy spoke about Freedom of the Press when, I believe, was aware of his imminent demise. His actual message for me was 'fear not the truth'; and then how FDR lead a nation where not one American, nor world leader that he met, knew he suffered a wheel chair; and then how Abe said that 'Right makes Might'.

These presidents did not use sound bites or catch phrases, but provided a substantive inspiration. Based on this type of courage, which when not in fashion at the time, they inspired the people. This is what I see went into the U.S. Constitution, and what every American is entitled to see in themselves.

When we speak of 'Change' today, we must speak in terms of *Restoring our Nation*. It is not a matter of Big Government for 300 Million people, or a small one for 9 colonies but a responsible government in either case. It must be cost effective in order to be responsible in serving the people.

The Constitution states that the purpose of government is for the defense of the nation and the welfare of the people. Personal empowerment starts at the community level. But this can only be 'if and only if' our government has provided the environment for us to stand on our own two feet. Our communities then can coherently set their expectations for representation in the House and Senate.

To accomplish this, all communities must be able to have, in their capacities, the ability to see that all are a vital part of this nation where all are included: in other words, 'Let Not This Country Be Without You'! Today, this is not the case.

Fundamental change though must to be from the top down by which we have entrusted with leadership. Let me provide an example of what I mean. Consider this in terms of credit practices in the United States and how the government affects commercial lending, and how this propels predatory lending practices such as sub prime mortgages.

As the IRS can set penalties and interest, as well as late fees, which all compound on each other, so do banks and credit lenders who follow this lead. Loan sharks follow the lead of predatory credit practices within a realm of even less regulation.

If the IRS served the U.S. Citizen in management of only taxes that were constitutional, made interest and payment plans which would be workable with the everyday U.S. Citizen, the U.S. Government can then place similar regulation on commercial lending practices. They could no longer be predatory.

The U.S. government though has no teeth in making such regulation while it has similar punitive measures in tax collection. When commercial credit is regulated, there is far less room for loan sharking. Also, there is far less need for it. People are no longer as desperate for credit in order to pay for other punitive credit.

Tax gaps as well that are a magnitude more than they actually should be are not collectible. This adds additional cost and overhead to the IRS; while setting standards and opportunity for predatory lenders. The tax gap must be sized accurately which is about a tenth of what is stated currently; financed so that it is in fact closed; and the American taxpayer, who represents part of this obligation, will be provided a structured payment plan which they can live with.

I.1 Your Representation:

So what do the three branches of Government really mean in serving us, what are their powers, and the purposes of their intended limitations? How can we compel the branches to comply with the Constitution and not defer their powers and responsibility? How can we be assured that they even know the Constitution? What does Freedom of Expression mean to each one of us and respecting it in others; and what do our rights mean with respect to our everyday life?

There has been serious breaches and blatant disregard for our Constitution. Without this regard, there can be no empowerment of the U.S. citizen. This disregard ranges from taxes which can be considered unconstitutional to executive signing orders such as on July 17th, 2007 to shelve our Bill of Rights.

The US citizen is entitled to ask, and must, to every election 2008 candidate, 'What are you going to do about restoring our Bill of Rights?

But what prevents any candidate from taking an action now. Is this how they <u>demonstrate</u> <u>leadership?</u> They do speak of 'change', but what are they talking about. What are they actually offering you and the nation for leadership?

Most of these candidates already have a position in <u>Government</u>. So why are they not taking a proactive position now for <u>Restoring Our Nation</u>. Why wouldn't they even present a congressional bill to restore our Constitution and Bill of Rights for consideration? Why haven't they <u>put out a petition</u> to gather public support since July 2007 for this?

How can any candidate for that matter talk about taking care of our <u>Vets</u>, <u>Health Care</u>, <u>Education</u>, <u>Jobs</u>, <u>Our Unions</u>, <u>Economy</u>, <u>Trade</u>, <u>Environment</u>, <u>Energy</u>, <u>Transportation</u>, <u>Agriculture</u> and <u>Immigration Reform</u>, or <u>Exiting Iraq</u> if not even willing to assure our Bill or Rights for the dignity of the U.S. citizen. For that matter, have you even heard them mention <u>Social Security</u>?

Shouldn't this already be in their track record? If they are not willing to challenge the existing administration's Executive Signing Orders, then how can they lead our nation in 2009?

For the leadership of our nation through the trust of our people, all election 2008 candidates must first have the deep regard for the republic for which it stands, one nation under god, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

This is what the people of our nation need first before anything else. It is the <u>Dignity of Human Rights</u> that our United States of America stands for. It calls for the top down leadership to put the branches in order, or the people cannot be served per as stated in the US Constitution.

To restore our nation requires that our government becomes cost effective in serving the people; that our economy works for us as opposed to us working for it; and that our communities can afford as their priority, the health, safety and welfare of their members.

Revision of the Tax System <u>was addressed earlier</u>. As described, our tax system is ill-managed first and foremost by its inefficiency in serving the people. A tax gap that is based on unreasonable interest, penalties and charges also impairs the American Worker from being able to address outstanding obligations. This is while costing our nation the absence of benefit from fair taxation.

True change must first come from the leadership that we have entrusted for our nation if to empower the U.S. Citizen with real representation.

I.2 Marching Orders:

To Restore Our Nation is a tall order for a President elect. Considering the burden of our present day events, it can only be achieved through real guidelines. The ones I set forth for our nation are:

- 1- Transparent and Accountable Government to serve the People
- 2- The Dignity of Human Rights in our mutual regard
- 3- Balanced Trade to return industry and jobs back to our shores
- 4- Economic Solvency for Our National Security
- 5- To Conduct Foreign Policy that demonstrates a standard of mutual respect

These five principles are based on the lessons afforded by three great leaders: JFK sought to have Transparent and Accountable Government; FDR sought to provide the means to achieve quality of life for every citizen; but then let us not forget George Washington's words: "Let us raise a standard that the wise and honest can repair."

I believe that with these guidelines, we can assure the framework of the U.S. Constitution, and its Bill of Rights; and have Government for the people; a fair tax that is constitutional; fund needed programs like Education and Health care and not at tax payer costs; and assure our National Security while conducting foreign policy that we as Americans can stand behind.

The government is to serve the people first, before the people are to serve it. The government has no other purpose but to serve the people and this can only be accomplished through its transparency and accountability.

II.1- Transparent and Accountable Government to serve the People

Accountability in government stewards accountability of the people it represents. John F. Kennedy told the nation, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". For me this goes firstly for the representatives of the people, if it is to be expected of the people.

It is the overall leadership in government that must steward accountability in order to steward the accountability, and therefore the leadership in others of any representation and/or following.

To establish a transparent and accountable administration that works with the House and the Senate, then the House and Senate are obliged to do the same. Hence efficiency and cost effective government can be achieved where policy and legislative action can take on measurable significance for the benefit of the people.

By improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the different bodies of government and working together sets the standards in how departments in government bodies are to operate, work together and communicate cost effectively in getting the peoples' work done. This in turn sets standards for our economy in the businesses that make up the producers, and in the people who are the consumers.

For the government to be cost effective a complete Audit of it is required, I estimate that our Federal Government has about 2/3rds dysfunctional overhead. This means at a minimum, you should be paying only 1/3rd the taxes you currently pay; that is, even if they are unconstitutional.

Strategically, the bottom line is that the Constitution must be assured as a nation without principles is not truly a nation of strength.

II.2 - The Dignity of Human Rights

The Dignity of Human Rights goes much further in my book than Civil Rights. But Civil Rights must be in place and respected by all before we can step further in the betterment of our nation. The Dignity of Human Rights must also mean that our communities can afford standards for the quality of life deserved by all U.S. Citizens. Today though, our communities can be torn by the lack of economic support and also by our personal outlooks. I address this in the following as Economic Revitalization programs, and Community Values. Employment, which is so vital to our nation over all, is addressed in the next section named 'Balanced Trade'.

A- Economic Revitalization Programs

We are in the 21st Century, but subject to the model of a 20th Century economy. It is time for all to invest in our nation, and to build a stronger economy. In this way, we put the economy to work for our nation, as opposed to us just serving it. http://unity2008.org/CSafety.html

In doing this, each US citizen can take on measurable empowerment which they do not have as of today. Our nation needs to be able to make tax exempt investments in Social Welfare and Economic Development Programs where the return is better than on a savings account.

In this manner, our communities can be well funded in Social Welfare entitlements for meeting their needs in Education, after school programs, Health Care, and for providing what First Responders must have without impacting the tax payer.

Economic development programs must be structured in the same manner, such that infrastructure, transportation systems, highways and our environment can be renewed. This is how we recover our environment and further enable the development of new energy programs.

It is not a matter of anyone getting their share over another due to such investments, but that we as a nation have become well funded for such programs. This is where individual investment is an option and the return is based on what has been invested. In essence, you are buying shares in your nation with a better return than on a savings account: its tax exempt.

This is how our economy needs to work for us, and what will become the preferred investments to be managed ethically on Wall Street. In each investment category, 25% if to cover the category, and 75% is to be managed by investment firms to replenish the 25%. If they fall short, it comes out of their pockets. They have the tax exempt and performance incentive to produce for our nation. These funds will grow as strong economic structures for our nation.

A.1 Social Welfare Entitlements:

Current means of paying for Education, Health Care are compromised by antiquated models of funding. For Education, land taxes are intended to support schools. In Health Care, it is a business and not a means to assure our health, safety and welfare as U.S. citizens.

1- In Education the President is not supposed to say what is right for one community over another, but it is the responsibility of the President to find the means to adequately fund the Education needs of our citizens across the board. I have proposed a tax exempt investment to do this. It is to afford Education for all U.S. Citizens. Representatives of the House are to provide individually what their communities choose. Funding should be made available to a State based on its Representatives call for their communities' needs. This will lower property tax, obviate the need for other tax credits, and assure that no State and its communities are left short for their needs in education funding. http://unity2008.org/Education.html

2- The Health of our nation is reflected in our people. Health Care should not be paid by tax payers, or to be subsidized by insurance companies. This too can be a tax exempt investment in our nation. We can provide quality health care, regardless if practicing prevention, to 300+ million Americans. This is by making such investments in our nation. This does not mean that the government is to run your life, but that the government program is there for you! http://unity2008.org/HealthCareReform.html

A.2 Economic Development Programs:

We all know that we must step forward in developing and providing an environment with renewable energy; and infrastructure and transportation systems that can strategically support our growth as a nation. We also know that in our current economy, that this is hardly doable. Taxation is not the answer when trying to put food on the table, but investment in our nation is. For every citizen that invests in Economic Development, they are to receive a tax exempt return.

To step forward in renewable energy, there are many fine minds that given the chance, could serve our needs well. It is a manner of funding initiatives where no solution is considered preferred over all others. There can be many electric motors to run our vehicles, but one can be the best and most cost effective. To enable the proper Research and Development by entrepreneurs, funding for Economic Development programs is proposed. http://unity2008.org/Environment.html

With an investment portfolio, the Government can garden a nursery of like startups. Where, and when they become stronger, the free market enterprise can invest in them.

Unlike the Dot Com Boom, these enterprises will have underlying fundamentals which serve as the foundation for public market investment to be built on.

B- The Dignity of Human Rights as House and Home

Our entire nation is compromised by teaser mortgages. Suddenly when things seemed to be stable economically, one's mortgage payment suddenly doubles. This is nothing more than Predatory Lending which is Capitalism at its worst. The Free Market, in order to grow and develop cannot be self regulating, as then it promotes consumer dependency in order to serve itself. One does not even have to be concerned about imminent domain taking their home or business away, when unsound lending practices are first in line. What I propose is the following to correct this:

- **B.1 to Protect** against being abused from future unsound lending practices, they are to be simply outlawed. The concept of lending is to be by fair practice only. It is to be for the purposes of bettering one's quality of life and that of their families. Stabilized lending also means stabilized revenue for lenders. Given this protection the U.S. citizen should not be compromised financially or become subject to the loss of their home.
- **B.2 To Stabilize and Restructure** *Variable Rate Mortgages*. This is by **A** placing a moratorium on foreclosures that are from the result of teaser mortgages; **B** Provide Social Welfare Bond Coverage to fill in the financing gap; **C** Determine the legitimacy of such loans; **D** To restructure such loans where needed based on the Social Welfare Bonds; **E** Perform fair arbitration to recover credit worthiness of consumers of such loans; **F** to prosecute lenders where other more viable loan conditions could have been offered for the existing market; and **G** where determined to repay homeowners who have been financially exploited by such lending practices.

C- The Dignity of Human Rights and Community Values

It is our personal responsibility as members of our communities to know what the Dignity of Human Rights is when it comes to us, and the standards that we have for our families and in regarding others. It should be our full expectation in our communities that we are regarded by others with these same standards. These standards I see as no set way, but are demonstrated in our personal self esteem before it can be reflected by others.

We have our beliefs and faiths, and they work for our sensibilities and values. There are salient issues as well that we are all have become aware of; and have our personal and shared opinions about. Many have become contentious issues in our communities that we look to our leadership to resolve. I have summarized my view on a few of them as follows:

- **C.1- Stem Cell Research**: This is not part of the job description for the U.S. President. What is legislated into law must reflect the true representation of the people. Then it should be signed by the president. *Article 6* of the *U.S. Constitution* states 'that there is to be no 'Religious Contest' for the Presidency'. Decisions of this nature are where the branches of government are to truly serve the people in their representation only. Law cannot be decided by personal view or bias from the leadership of government.
- **C.2- Marriage** Amending the Constitution is not needed. In Amendment 10, it is a State's decision what laws they can make. It is also the very purpose of Amendment I for the Freedom of Expression. If we are to amend the US Constitution where we remove this freedom in one perspective or outlook, then what does Amendment I stand for in the future. Does it become the right to lose our freedoms?
- **C.3- Abortion:** As Settled Law it is to be respected by the U.S. President. If we are Pro Life, then let us make sure that we love every child in this nation. If we are pro abortion, let us be responsible in realizing what we are doing. Let us have a higher since of self esteem in both cases, and learn to live with each other. http://unity2008.org/Abortion.html
- **C.4- Abstinence Education until Marriage:** I believe Sex Education is vital for our youth where abstinence plays a critical role. But we also have far greater issues with respect to our nation's health, safety and welfare before we impose laws on premarital sex by willing adults. Consider this is what many foreign nations do. What is to make us different? There is further no basis in the Constitution to impose such laws. Again, if you wish to give up Amendment I, you have given up any freedoms which the term Liberty stands for in the United States of America.
- **C.5- Gay Rights**: No one should be discriminated against due their sexual orientation. Gay Rights are to be the same rights for all U.S. citizens. This is already in Amendment I: the Right of Free Expression. http://unity2008.org/SameSex.html Regardless of in place laws, people are still discriminated against regardless.

You are also required to sign away your Constitutional rights currently in working for corporations, as well as in receiving credit. In both cases, Binding Arbitration is required. Binding Arbitration should itself be outlawed as being unconstitutional.

C.6- Immigration: Who really knows what these laws are? They come from the 1986 Immigration Reform Act. We must start from there to determine if they need revision. Immigrants are far less of an issue than H1 Visa Workers. http://unity2008.org/Immigration.html

Immigrants that we label as Illegal are viewed as legal tax payers by the IRS. With an estimated 12 million unregistered, they contribute about \$200 billion into our economy each year. This also means \$50 billion in taxes are paid by them.

H1 Visa's fall into the definition, for me, as part of outsourcing. This costs our communities \$800 billion a year as this money is shipped out of our country. The \$200 billion by immigrants circulates in our communities and into the hands of US citizens too. If adding the additional \$800 billion back, that would be a total \$1 trillion in our economy per year. American citizens can also get their jobs back that H1's are under-pricing currently in wages.

As the economy is the primary factor for the level of immigration, it must be in terms of volume that can be allowed. There are five (5) revisions to *The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986* that I wish to propose for revision to Congress. This is to allow the United States to have fair and just law for immigration subject to the level of economic burden that can be supported by our nation.

C.7 -Gun Laws: Requiring a waiting Period – In Amendment X, this is a State's choice, and not part of the Federal Government's domain. Let us consider that if to be part of Amendment II, then we do have a case of 'Big Government'. In Case Law, Amendment II has been determined not to be the 'Right to collect Arms' by the private citizen but for the purposes of securing the State by a militia. This militia today is our National Guard. Amendment X though allows a State its own rights for this: Virginia can sell a 50 caliber gun to an individual, where New York does not have to recognize the right for the individual to bring it into their State. http://unity2008.org/GunControl.html

II.3 Balanced Trade: Restore Industry; Bring our Jobs Home

Our nation over the past 7 years has become inundated with imports. What our nation exports primarily are our very jobs. NAFTA does not serve our nation's needs. It serves itself.

We must return our industry and jobs back to our shores. To do this, I propose The Balanced Trade Policy: http://unity2008.org/BalanceTrade.html. Based on volume, exports must meet imports, or imports will be reduced to the level of the export of our like goods and products. No longer will we be just exporting 1 container of raw materials for having 16 arrive on our shores with foreign products.

The more we manufacture ourselves, the more the price of domestic products will come down. The less there are imports, the more their prices go up. By limiting import volume into the United States, the price of the import would increase due to level of availability and in order to obtain a reasonable profit margin. This is simple supply and demand mechanics.

Artificial trade tariffs, which is the most we have been able to do is like trying to plug a dike. Tax incentives for not out sourcing is also a long shot when considering that such incentives are overshadowed by manipulating the cost of offshore labor to make up the differences.

The volume of imports is not regulated. When putting a higher price on foreign TV's (as a example) that are dumped on our shores without Balanced Trade, just means more compromise of foreign workers rights in order to realize the same profit for the foreign manufacturer.

Balanced Trade will dampen import volume; provide less incentive for moving manufacturing operations off shore; while not having to be compromised in back room negotiations on import price with foreign governments based on our debt obligations to them.

When volume is the gating factor, then the volume that is normally coming through our ports would have to go elsewhere to be sold.

If China cannot sell excessive volume to the US, as a simple example, they will have to eventually sell to themselves. This in turn would require their standards of wage to increase in order to afford their own TV's and other finished goods.

By losing the offshore incentive, U.S. manufactures would not need a domestic tax incentive, while also not needing to lose their workers. In fact if they choose to offshore, perhaps add an additional tax while regulating volume. By regulating their import volume, while making it costly to offshore their business offers two incentives to hire American labor. Further we cannot allow them to write off offshore business loses and pay less U.S. tax for this.

The same principles of 'Trade Volume' in manufacturing and textiles can be applied to agriculture, as well as the outsourcing of technology labor.

There are a multitude of work visa based visitors in the US, where in fact most institutional banks use them for their IT needs. They are cheap, and send their money home. This compromises free market trade in terms of under pricing for the technical labor pool in this country. Any country that wishes to import their labor force should be required to not under price going rates for the standard of living in the United States, prove that an American cannot fill the job, and provide the US with an equal export monetary value. For those institutions which offshore their labor, such labor should be taxed in order to encourage such institutions to hire American labor.

II.3.1 Strengthening our Unions:

Our Labor and Service Unions have played a vital role in the building of our nation. Without our Manufacturing industry, we could not have sustained our position in, and won World War II. We cannot afford to offshore our American assets.

A- Moving People out of Unions by changing Job Title: RE: H.R. 1644/S 969

Corporations have been using a tactic of moving people 'up' in job title where they are no longer a co-worker, and therefore not part of the union. Yet they are still an employee where the union then has fewer members and therefore less representation in the work environment.

Corporations though are actually only the corporate board, CEO, and officers. There are share holders if in fact the corporation is publicly held. I believe that since everyone else is an employee, that they deserve rights like every employee.

B- Fundamental Policies:

Part of my policy towards the work environment is that unions are to be allowed to be formed if there is a 2/3rds vote for the job classification. That is regardless of the classification, as this is for any employee which is not actually part of a corporation directly. This also circumvents union busting by corporations by changing people's job titles, as by classification, the new job title, being manager or otherwise can be candidates for a union.

I believe that there are not enough unions in America to protect workers. Workers are employees, besides being blue, white, or even green collar. All employees deserve, in my opinion, union representation if they want to have it, or have a job role that is part already represented by a union in the particular work environment.

B.1 Becoming a Stake Holder and Having a Vote

I further believe that unions should play an active role in corporate policy of publicly held corporations. If the UAW could vote like share holders, the Automotive Industry could not offshore it's manufacturing. Union members can become shareholders in publicly held corporations. This way, union members have a vote as share holders for what a corporation decides on policy, as well as can benefit from stock dividends. This further helps guide the corporation towards profitability without compromising the American Labor element in its means to accomplish this.

Examples of this are that in addition to maintaining union representation, Corporations can become more regulated about what they offshore for labor, as share holders can look at the long term as opposed to just quarterly profits.

II.3.2 Summary of Labor Policies:

- **A- For Labor Strikes**: The government is to provide the ability for unions to take long term low interest loans for a month's wages. This is to afford union workers to not be compromised during that month financially.
- **B- For New Unions**: Grants should be available from the Federal Government to help subsidize the startup if required.
- **C- In non-Union workplaces:** Union petition is to be permitted, where union formation is to be only accepted by a 2/3 vote by employees within the workplace in question. Voting is to be held in privacy such as in the manner of government elections, and vote counting to be performed by impartial and objective means.
- **D- Living Wage:** Minimum wages are to be examined based on the living wage and what is defined as the poverty level. More over Wages are to reflect the actual cost of living for the community where the employment, and residence occurs, and subject to the Inflation Index as opposed to the 'Take it or Leave It' types of today's employment offer.
- **E Union Dues:** Dues by non-union workers within union places of work where union labor is performed in an equivalent manner focus and scope in employee performance and responsibilities should be considered. These union dues on non union workers are to ensure for the non-union worker, the same representation, rights and benefits that are afforded to union workers of the same classification within the same work place of employment.
- **F- Fixed Price and Overtime:** For every worker, no matter if directly employed, or via 3rd party contract, must be paid for work done. For Direct Employment, Overtime is to be paid as 'Time and a half'. For Contractors, Time is to be paid by the hour; hence, the professional day as set to 8 hours does not obviate the responsibility of the employer to provide monetary compensation for overtime.
- **G- Poverty Level:** This must be set based realistically on the *Cost of Living*, and the Inflation Index. Hence, minimum wage must be accounted for in this as being above the Poverty Level.

American Agriculture:

Today if you put the term "Your States Name' and Farm' in a web search, most of the listings will be unfortunately about foreclosures and farms for sale.

A- Balanced Trade as a policy for Agriculture, first and foremost is to reduce the import volume to where it meets export volume with respect to the same products. This drives the price of imports upwards while allowing more domestic volume to be made competitively available to American consumers. Given the protection of Balanced Trade Policies, and in helping feed America, the American Farmer should not be compromised financially where they become subject to the loss of their Farm and livelihood. Further, many Americans do go to bed hungry, and it is about time our government really helped. Although capitalism can be an asset to all Americans, capitalism is self regulated which puts it at its worst. Its sole purpose then is to serve itself, and not the American people.

In my plans, <u>Social Welfare Bonds</u>, which are to be tax exempt, are to help subsidize American Agriculture. Through the Social Welfare bond programs, American farmers have been provided a market, and if subjected to disaster, are also covered. The American Farmer can concentrate on quality of product, instead of how to make it the cheapest to purchase. By providing quality foods to <u>Feed America</u>, the American Farmer has contributed to our Nation's <u>Preventative Health Care</u>. With Balanced Trade Policies, exports cannot under-price the American Farmer either.

- **B- Losing One's Farm from Imminent Domain:** I have a personal issue with Imminent Domain, as in not liking bullies. It's what imminent domain boils down to. In being told that your farm is going to be acquired in the 'name of the good' for me is unacceptable when given a deal that you must accept which is not at fair market terms. Likewise, I also question the need 'For the Good' if that farm land is to no longer exist for our nation's needs. In building political capital with Congress by working with them, I will pursue Federal Laws for them to legislate, that provide fairness for the American Farmer.
- C- Agriculture Budget: For the U.S. Government, there will be NO borrowing from allocated budgets with IOU's for other unrelated spending bills. I will pursue Congress to further legislate law that will prevent what has become a 'Deficits Don't Matter' Policy at Capitol Hill, where programs are compromised as the result. Social Security has suffered the burden of this imposition, and Agriculture has become the next target of easy pickings. I see that every program to be subsidized by Social, and Economic Development Bonds; and will be galvanized to serve our nation for their intended purpose. This means that Agriculture is to be for Agriculture only.
- D- Unreliable Labor: Farmers can have a well defined Labor Force where they are not subject to compromise by either unregistered immigrants, or by standards that are less than needed. Professionally, Service Level Agreements are contracts which can provide this. By allowing workers to unionize calls upon them to provide a Service Level Agreement based upon an expected wage standard. The farmer no longer needs to be concerned about hiring labor directly as it becomes the responsibility of the Union in question to provide what is expected. The Farmer, further need not concern themselves of repercussions of hiring unregistered immigrants as this is the Union's responsibility, and no longer that of the Farmer.
- **E- Energy Crops: Agriculture Assistance** will be furthered for the production of Bio Energy Sources that can be sold as fossil Fuel Supplements and alternatives; and for providing additional cost effective solutions for Public Utilities for use in supplying Electricity. Environmental Management is compromised by the amount of Carbon we emit into the Air. We can work in building our Economy by the further use of crops used to generate heat, electricity or produce liquid fuels.

II-4 Economic Solvency to Assure our National Security

Over the past 7 years our economy has been sliding into more that what can be considered a serious recession. We are all in the same boat, and even if the economy is lop sided were it appears good for some, they too are due to join the rest of the nation in the boat.

We have \$10 Trillion in debt, where \$900 Billion is in Credit Card Debt alone. The average American Citizen who has a credit card owes about \$9,000 dollars.

With making our government cost effective, investment in social welfare and development programs, and with Balanced Trade, bring our jobs back home. We can see over a \$1.5 Trillion or more added in to our economy.

Removing predatory lending can then add an additional \$800 Billion of the \$900 Billion back into our economy. This to, will be returned to those who have been burdened by this debt. This too will be managed as an investment where those burdened will be paid back based on the use of this money in our economy.

With ending the War in Iraq, this alleviates another \$300 billion from our economy. This does not mean that we have an additional \$300 billion, but that we are no longer borrowing and increasing our debt to afford the Iraq War.

Most debt is owned by foreign owners where our federal taxes just go to pay for the interest on this. Being compromised in our economy threatens our very national security of our nation.

To halt on the borrowing, and adding \$1.5 to 2 Trillion back into our economy will stop the slide into recession and stabilize it. But this is not enough for our National Security. We must become economically solvent. To do this, we must also pay down our debt to foreigners at no tax payer burden. We will put Wall Street to work for you in doing this as well. The U.S. Treasury acting as our proxy is to become the most respected client for institutional banks on Wall Street. This is detailed at http://unity2008.org/InvestmentBasedEconomy.html.

II-5 Conduct Foreign Policy that demonstrates a standard of mutual respect

Foreign Policy is not to be an Attitude, and Defense is not to be weak. I do not view Diplomacy and Defense as being exclusive of the other, but are mutually dependent on each other for each one's effectiveness in serving the other; simply we walk with two legs, not one.

The Defense System gives Diplomacy its Teeth, and Diplomacy provides Defense its Faculty of Reason. It is my view that the two are inseparable when engaging in <u>Pre-Emptive</u> and <u>Unilateral Actions</u>.

Combined, our actions towards others have a more formidable and daunting purpose, while enabling a viable conclusion and <u>Exit Strategy</u> such as for Iraq.

Combined, our Foreign Policy can also be effective in helping others find their Exit Strategies such as for <u>Nuclear Prone Nations</u> and the Middle East Crisis.

Diplomacy orphaned from Defense can only be 'Meaningless Lip Service', and Defense when orphaned from Diplomacy can continue in a non focused manner, that is subject to Tangential Agenda's, or simply the business of War, while at the cost of Squandering American Lives as well as the innocent.

If the two halves of a brain cannot work together, then the body cannot function properly. If the Two vital components of National Security do not work together, and then our National Security does not serve our Nation's Safety.

To Bring our Troops Home

Most Americans want our troop's home. That is, even if we think that they are protecting our country by fighting in Iraq, we still want our troop's home.

Only 5% of the 'insurgents' are Al Qaeda, and the other 95% are Iraqis that can be both Shiite and Sunni. So we could say, 'let them fight it out themselves, and just bring our troops home!'

Considering that many Americans gave their lives, or at a minimum their future health it's not cutting and running to bring our troops home. We know that our losses are greater now than 4,000, and must accept that there are more than 40,000 wounded severely. Their families have also made significant sacrifices. They have lost loved ones or their lives are just on standby while waiting for news.

The Smoke and Mirrors of Further Costs

The Republicans have a point that in some so called phased withdrawal would make remaining US forces easier targets. The Democrats have a point that there should be a time line for withdrawal. The Republicans have a point 'if and only if' the Shiites and Sunnis are shooting at US troops. The Democrats could have a valid position that is, 'if and only if' we have a real plan for Iraq. The Democrats alternative is just leaving Iraq in the state of civil war.

So as far as the Democrats are concerned, they appear to be doing nothing more than just going through the political motions, where Bush can veto them. This is unacceptable in my opinion of how the American Government is to serve the people cost effectively.

Being compromised financially to foreign lenders such as China to finance Iraq's occupation also puts us in a weak position if they decide to address such a global tyrant. We lose any capital in foreign policy proportionally to how much of a tyrant we are. Domestically, our economy will grind to a halt.

Our American troops deserve their pride and dignity as Americans. There is no real healing that can take place without one's dignity intact.

We deserve our strategic pride as Americans, where we have not in good conscious gone out and destroyed lives in other parts of the world. Otherwise, we have to ask ourselves 'what makes us better than any other global tyrant'. 700,000 Iraqis lost their lives too!

Regardless of the Bush administration being responsible for the Iraq mess, we as Americans are just as responsible. A president that takes office in 2008 cannot just say, "I didn't do that, it's not my fault, so we are just exiting Iraq". It is also easy to give fuzzy promises as an Election 2008 candidate, but later say that "there were mitigating circumstances where the time is just not right yet".

What is most important that as Americans, we have been raised with a conscious of what makes Americans very special? We want to pride ourselves as being the kindest nation. To be Americans we are also accustomed to a very most powerful and un-dauntable pride, and this is for good reason. Americans no matter what race, creed, color, religion, or followings and beliefs, are over all, decent, fair and moral minded people. That's why there is the proposed <u>Peace with Dignity Plan for our Iraq Exit Strategy</u>